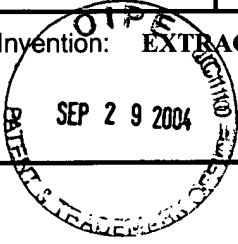




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Applicant(s): Brian Whitman, et al.					
Application No. 09/939,954	Filing Date August 27, 2001	Examiner James S. Wozniak	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 2655	Confirmation No. 5409
Invention: EXTRACTING CLASSIFYING DATA IN MUSIC FROM AN AUDIO BISTREAM					
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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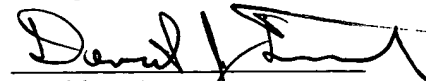
Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement imposed in the Official Action dated 25 August 2004, applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-18 and 27-43, for continued prosecution herein.

Claims 1-48 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

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Group I, Claims 1-18 and 27-43, allegedly drawn to a speech-related application for classifying an audio signal based on associated frequency data, classified in class 704, subclass 270; and


Group II, Claims 19-26 and 44-48, allegedly drawn to speech/audio signal processing for representing an audio signal using calculated frequency data, classified in class 704, subclass 205;

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I and II are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-18 and 27-43. However, Applicants reserve the right, under 35 U.S.C. §121, to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

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